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Clairton Works
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Subject: USS Reference Number: 04-0079
ACHD Reference Number: N/A
100 Carbonate Unit
USS Clairton Works

Gentlemen:

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the subject incident. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 233-1015.

Sincerely,

Anton Lukac
Plant Manager
Clairton Works

NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT
ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

1. USS Reference Number: 04-0079
ACHD Reference Number: N/A
2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 05/16/04 Time: 1455 hours
3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation - USS Clairton Works
4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: 100 Carbonate Unit
5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
6. Location: Clairton, PA
7. Nature and cause of breakdown: Intermittent operational problems stabilizing the stripper following the start-up of the 100 Carbonate Unit, resulted in coke oven gas by-passing through the Sulfur Plant. This is a continuation of the incident which was previously reported under USS Reference Number: 04-0077 & 04-0078.
8. Identification of Emissions:
 - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO₂, Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.)
Intermittent elevated H₂S in the down river gas line system, causing increased SO₂ at point of combustion.
 - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SO₂ is an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
 - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).
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9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so).
Continuous system monitoring is being performed until the stripper is stabilized.
10. Facility back in operation - Date: 05/16/04 Time: 2112 hours

Signature


Coleen M. Davis

Date 5/18/04

Senior Environmental Control Engineer Phone: 233-1015